

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2021 at 7.00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil White, Michelle Morris, Simon Kirman, Andy Parker, Richard Bridgen and Dermot Daly (Clerk).

No public representation.

- 001/21** Welcome - Cllr White welcomed all to the meeting.
- 002/21** Apologies for Absence - Cllr Carl Denton (Agreed).
- 003/21** Declaration of Interest and any applications for dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 - None.
- 004/21** To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th November 2020 for approval (Appendix 1) - p. Cllr Morris, s. Cllr Kirman, Agreed.

Planning Matters

- 005/21** (i) 20/1492/FUL - Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant Boston Road Kirkby La Thorpe - Erection of proposed woodchip storage bunker - No Objections - Approved.
- 006/21** (ii) 20/1597/FUL - To replace existing mobile classroom - To replace existing mobile classroom with a new modular classroom building at Kirkby La Thorpe Church Of England School Church Lane Kirkby La Thorpe - No Objections (1 abstained due to declared interest).

Financial Report

- 007/21** (i) To note balances and transactions to date (Appendices 2 & 3) - Noted.
- 008/21** (ii) To approve payments (Appendix 4) - p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Morris, Agreed.
- 009/21** (iii) Budget planning (Appendix 5) - discussion ensued with general agreement on the budget, however the projects and initiatives will need to be discussed further in subsequent meetings but the principles accepted within the confines of the agreed precept below.
- 010/21** (iv) Agree Precept for 2021-22 (electronic approval and submission to NKDC by 25-Jan-21) - It was agreed to set the precept at the current year financial level of £7,100 for next year (2021-22). This would result in the net effect of a 1.7% increase. - p. Cllr Morris, s. Cllr Bridgen, Agreed.

- 011/21** Defibrillator - Mount Lane - Progress update and approval of grant application
Grant application approved for Mount Lane Defib; monitoring process for Defibs to be formalised through the Clerk; the outcome of the grant application is outstanding; should the grant not succeed then the previously agreed funding of the device and installation from reserves (September 2020) should be increased from £1,500 to c.£1,720 based on recent quotes from Community Heartbeat Trust and Professional Paddock Care. - p. Cllr Parker, s. Cllr White, Agreed.
- 012/21** Highways issues - update on progress and agree next steps
Not much further progress has been noticed. Further chase of progress to be made through the Clerk to Highways Department and Cllr Barry Young. The Parish Council should encourage wherever possible the community to report issues regarding highway, pavement and lighting through FixMyStreet service. p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Morris, Agreed.
- 013/21** Cycling infrastructure questionnaire - discuss and approve response
The broad questionnaire was completed by Cllr Kirman on behalf of the Parish Council. The c.20 questions were related to highways issues and cycle lanes. Future investment was undetermined.
- 014/21** Church roof - update on progress and agree next steps
It appears that the temporary roof repair is still not complete despite receiving a positive letter from the Rural Dean. It was moved for the Clerk to send a letter to the Bishop with copy to P Drayton, Rural Dean and PCC Chair, to invite to a meeting with the Parish Council and to voice dissatisfaction at the state of the church and the apparent lack of urgency on the repairs. p. Cllr Kirman, s. Cllr Morris, Agreed.
- 015/21** Litter bins - approve style, locations, and purchase of bins
Following a report of a broken waste bin in the playpark it was moved to replace this bin and resite outside of the playpark gate to serve more of the community; to provide a further bin on Church Lane at the junction with Evedon Road under/adjacent the road sign on inside of bend; both bins to be Topsy 2000 style in black; to request NKDC to site the bins; to add the bins to the emptying schedule at no charge; to, at a later stage, investigate the re-siting of the bin near the Queens Head to the other side of the road; that Cllr Bridgen to investigate and bring back to the Council a suggestion for further waste bin in Sleaford area of the Parish. p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Morris, Agreed.
- 016/21** Clerk's Report and Correspondence received
- (i)** Matters arising from previous Minutes not on the Agenda - None.
 - (ii)** Mud on road & flooding of road complaints (ongoing) - further reports received. The Parish Council acknowledges the cleaning of the road but that it has moved the issue to the cycle-path and footpath. It was suggested that the Clerk compose a letter to the Highways Department and AFS Dean requesting plan to resolve these issues.
 - (iii)** Swing flooring update - visit to the school has not progressed due to Covid restrictions. In the meantime it was suggested that Cllr Morris furnish the Clerk with the measurements of the swing floor area and that the Clerk seek an estimate/quote for like-for-like replacement (laid rubber composite) for the Parish Council to decide further action.

- (iv)** Litter Pick - the equipment has been passed to Rotary Club who are organising; no further action expected until after lockdown restrictions are lifted.
- (v)** Census 2021 - 10-year Census to happen mainly online in March of this year; the Clerk will follow up the expected role of the Parish Council with the Census coordinator.
- (vi)** Other items
Cllr Morris provided a verbal report on the investigation of requirements from the community for the playpark investment - this included picnic bench, covered 'youth' seating, skateboard ramps, climbing frame and roundabout. It was also reported that there is significant use of the playpark from local children, grandchildren and other visitors. It was suggested that Cllr Morris look into the possible equipment and budgetary cost, and that Cllr Kirman investigate possible methods of funding including Grants.

It was suggested that recent information received on Covid updates from NKDC be linked from Parish Council website.

017/21 Matters for the next meeting - Waste Bins; Equipment for Playpark; Covid Community Support

018/21 Dates of Next Meetings: Thursday 11th March 2021, 13th May 2021, 8th July 2021, 16th September 2021, 11th November 2021 at 7.00pm

019/21 Close meeting - 21:15